



ALAMO COLLEGES DISTRICT
St. Philip's College

"A Point of Pride in the Community"

President's Newsletter

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President's Address

Summertime, for most, is a time of relaxation. For St. Philip's College, it's a time to reflect on the last academic year; refocus on our mission and goals; and strategize to ensure we are carrying our operation forward with efficiency. As we enter this next academic year and continue with our 125th-anniversary celebrations, we stand committed to learning, growth, and the pursuit of knowledge.

Incredible potential lies ahead for St. Philip's College. Founding president, Saint Artemisia Bowden, dreamed of making St. Philip's a baccalaureate degree-issuing institution. We plan to make this dream a reality by offering the Bachelor of Applied Technology (BAT) in Cybersecurity. We have approval by Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) to offer this degree program and are currently working with our accrediting body on approval.

Saint Artemisia Bowden said, "It takes faith, hope, and persistence to make a dream a reality." As we navigate the challenges this opportunity will undoubtedly bring, we will approach them with a sense of curiosity, an eagerness to explore new ideas, and a willingness to step outside of our comfort zone.

As a community, we embark on this journey together and share the collective success this brings to the city of San Antonio.





SPC's Annual High Tea & Hats

In a vibrant celebration filled with an array of colorful hats, couture dresses, and cultural significance, St. Philip's College hosted its annual High Tea & Hats event on Saturday, August 5, 2023, in the Bowden Alumni Center. Dr. Adena Williams Loston, the ladies of St. Philip's, and more than 150 women from across the city of San Antonio gathered to sample various tea selections paired with hors d'oeuvres, while supporting student success by donating to scholarships.

Among the guests were Dr. Gloria Jackson, 8th President of St. Philip's College; Deborah Burke, Immed. Past President of the San Antonio Chapter of the Links, Inc.; Dr. JoAnne Smith, President of Alpha Pi Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.; Joy McGhee, President of National Coalition of 100 Black Women, San Antonio Chapter; Danielle Johnson, Vice President of Alpha Pi Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.; Denise Bromley, President of the National Association of Women Business Owners; Dr. Sharon Crockett-Ray, President of Alpha Tau Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; Rhonda Harris, National Area One Director of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. and Davi'na Lathers,

Miss Black San Antonio and SPC student.

The event's theme, "Walking in Her Footsteps" speaks to the life and legacy of SPC's founding president, Saint Artemisia Bowden. Saint Artemisia, who was canonized by the Episcopal Church in 2015, provided leadership to St. Philip's for 52 years. History shows that her dedication, tireless work, and vision laid the foundation for the growth and development of the college.

"It was an event to remember. I can't think of a better way to honor Saint Artemisia Bowden and celebrate our 125th anniversary," said Dr. Jeanie Murphy, Executive Assistant to the President.



Bowden Feast Day



The St. Philip's College community gathered for the 9th Annual Feast Day in the Bowden Alumni Center on Friday, August 18 to honor the legacy of Saint Artemisia Bowden. Photographs and quotes from Saint Artemisia decorated the tables around the room serving as a reminder of the countless contributions she made during her 52 years at the college.

The celebration began with a welcome by Dr. Sharon Crockett-Ray, Director of Institutional Advancement, followed by a song, "We've Come This Far by Faith" by Karen Baker. The highlight of the event was

a speech, entitled "Dream Realized" given by St. Philip's College President Dr. Adena Williams Loston.

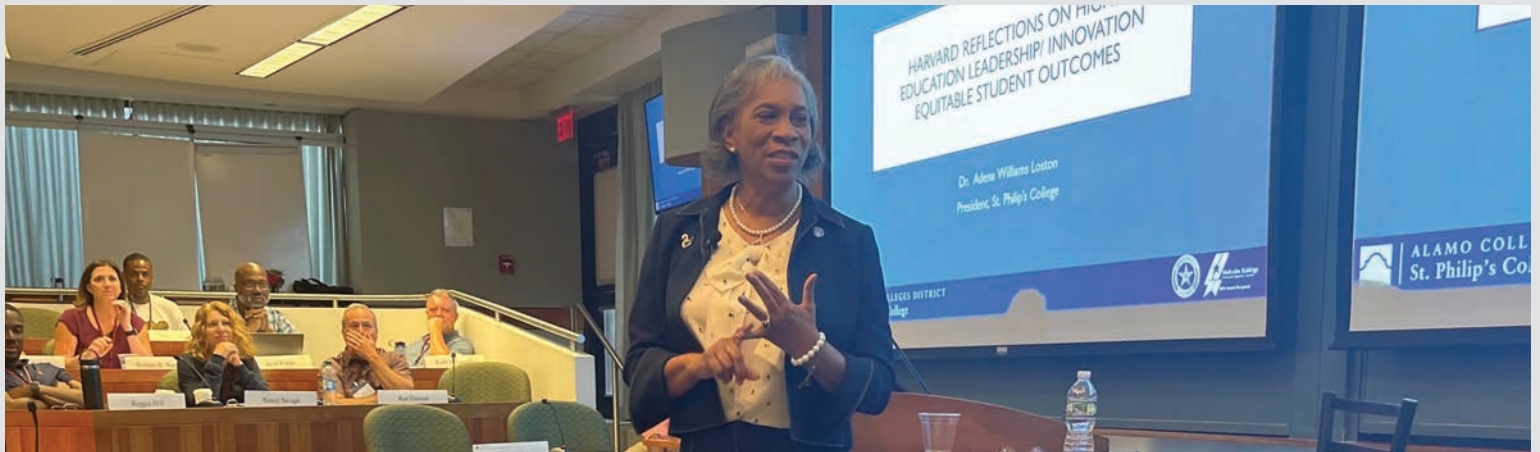
Marsha Hall, Director of Strategic Initiatives read "Collect Commemorating

a Saint", a poem selected from the book "A Great Cloud of Witnesses." The event concluded with a \$2,500 check presentation from the Living in God's Love Gospel Choir and final thoughts.



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Saint Artemisia Bowden



On Saturday, July 15, Dr. Loston presented to the Institute for Educational Management (IEM) Program, a leadership development program for senior leaders nationally and internationally. As a former participant, her session focused on Reflections on Higher Education Leadership, Innovation, and Equitable Student Outcomes referencing the Alamo Colleges Board Policy F.6.5 Student Success Equity.

Masons Check Presentation

On June 27, Dr. Loston hosted a luncheon for partnering masonic lodges. A collective total of \$14,000 was donated to SPC student scholarship by Army Lodge 1105 A.F. & A.M., Alamo Lodge No. 44, Blue Bonnet Lodge No. 1219 A.F. & A.M., Patterson Lodge No. 1177 A.F. & A.M., Triune Lodge No. 15 A.F. & A.M., and Victory Lodge No. 1160.



Visit San Antonio Check Presentation

On Thursday, May 11, Visit San Antonio's President Marc Anderson presented a check to SPC for \$28,000 to further support the Tourism, Hospitality and Culinary Arts program.

SPC Participates in Juneteenth Parade

On Saturday, June 17, St. Philip's College proudly honored the newest federal holiday of Juneteenth by participating in San Antonio's annual Juneteenth Parade. As a Historically Black College, celebrating its 125 years of existence, the holiday commemorating the end of slavery holds great significance.

The parade began at 10 a.m. at Sam Houston High School and ended 3.3 miles away at the Comanche Park #2. A group of over 30 students, faculty, staff, and administration took to the streets with passion, representing SPC with great pride in the community. Spectators waved, high-fived and cheered for the college as they marched by.

Varryron Young, Associate Director of Student Success for Student Life expressed excitement at attending his first Juneteenth parade saying, "I had fun reconnecting with old friends and coworkers and also networking with new community partners to strengthen the college's mission for student success."

The college's participation in Juneteenth was not limited to the parade. Leading up to the event, students and employees engaged in campus events that highlighted the historical significance. After the parade, the SPC team enjoyed the day with the community at the park, which included vendors, food booths and great music.



2023 Pride Parade

An enthusiastic group of SPC students and employees celebrated National Pride Month by marching downtown in the San Antonio Pride Parade on Saturday, June 24, 2023.



2023 HBCU Scholar Named

Congratulations to St. Philip's College student Jabrasia Doss for her selection to participate in the U.S. Department of Education, White House Initiative on Advancing Equity, Educational Excellence and Economic Opportunity through Historically Black Colleges and Universities, 2023 HBCU Scholar Recognition Program.

This program recognizes outstanding student leaders and further empowers them with tools for excellence. This year's cohort is made up of 101 HBCU Scholars, the largest cohort in the history of the program. The theme for this year is, "Raising the Bar: Forging Excellence Through Innovation & Leadership."

"Students have the opportunity to work on a team project with representatives from NASA. Teams present their projects to all attendees at the Annual HBCU conference. They can participate in a Career and Recruitment Fair, meet students from other HBCUs, and return to their

schools to share ideas for a better student experience," said Dr. Angela McPherson Williams, St. Philip's College Director of Student Life.

As a 2023 HBCU Scholar, Jabrasia will serve as a student ambassador for the Initiative and St. Philip's College, ensuring information, resources, and opportunities are distributed to both campuses. She will also network with other scholars, federal agencies, and private partners to showcase her talent across the HBCU community.

Jabrasia was chosen for her combination of academic achievements, campus leadership, civic engagement, and entrepreneurial spirit which distinguished her candidacy.

"It's an honor. I feel like St. Philip's College gave me an opportunity I wouldn't have received anywhere else. Being selected as an HBCU Scholar is a blessing, and I will put God first as I go forward. It's shocking, but I've worked really hard," said Jabrasia.



Power Generation and Alternative Energy Alumnus

Congratulations to Power Generation and Alternative Energy Program alumnus Adrian Cadena. Adrian has recently accepted a position with GE Wind as Safety and Construction Manager for the new Massachusetts Off Shore Wind Farm.



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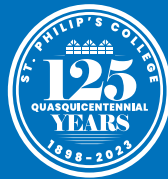
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**HOMECOMING BLUE AND WHITE
SNEAKER BALL
DINNER
& DANCE**

**October 20, 2023
7:00 P.M.
Bowden Alumni Center**

**For more info, visit:
alamo.edu/spc/homecoming**



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